

WE CLAIM:

1. A light fixture management system, comprising
 - a plurality of labels each containing unique indicia,
 - a portable reader for reading the indicia on the labels,
 - a microprocessor appliance comprising a database, for receiving information collected by the reader and associating the unique indicia with corresponding information in the database,

wherein when the plurality of labels are each associated with one of a plurality of light fixtures, the microprocessor appliance can generate a report with information specific to light fixtures associated with the labels read by the reader.
2. The light fixture management system of claim 1 in which the report comprises a repair task route based on the relative locations of the light fixtures associated with the labels read by the reader.
3. The light fixture management system of claim 2 in which the report contains information specific to each light fixture associated with the labels read by the reader.
4. The light fixture management system of claim 2 in which the report contains information relating to a circuit breaker controlling power to each light fixture associated with the labels read by the reader.
5. The light fixture management system of claim 1 in which the portable reader comprises a bar code scanner.
6. The light fixture management system of claim 5 in which the bar code scanner comprises a keypad for manually entering information into the scanner.
7. The light fixture management system of claim 6 in which the bar code scanner comprises a display.

8. The light fixture management system of claim 1 in which the information in the database includes repair history information for each light fixture.
9. The light fixture management system of claim 1 in which the information in the database includes warranty information for each light fixture.
10. The light fixture management system of claim 1 in which the information in the database includes a fixture type of each light fixture.
11. A method of managing a plurality of light fixtures, each light fixture being associated with one of plurality of labels, each label containing unique indicia, comprising the steps of:
 - a. reading the indicia on the labels associated with light fixtures observed to be in need of repair or maintenance and storing information corresponding to the indicia,
 - b. conveying the stored information corresponding to the indicia to a microprocessor appliance comprising a database, and
 - c. generating a report with information specific to light fixtures associated with the labels read by the reader.
12. The method of claim 11 in which the report comprises a repair task route based on the relative locations of the light fixtures associated with the labels read by the reader.
13. The method of claim 12 in which the report contains information specific to each light fixture associated with the labels read by the reader.
14. The method of claim 12 in which the report contains information relating to a circuit breaker controlling power to each light fixture associated with the labels read by the reader.
15. The method of claim 11 in which the indicia on the labels is read by a bar code scanner.

16. The method of claim 15 in which the bar code scanner comprises a keypad and further comprising the step of manually entering information into the scanner relating to an observed repair requirement.
17. The method of claim 16 in which the bar code scanner comprises a display.
18. The method of claim 11 in which the information in the database includes repair history information for each light fixture.
19. The method of claim 11 in which the information in the database includes warranty information for each light fixture.
20. The method of claim 11 in which the information in the database includes a fixture type of each light fixture.
21. The method of claim 11 including after step b. the step of downloading information from the database to a master database at another geographic location.